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GOVERNOR
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Dear Friend:

I am pleased to send you the enclosed copy of the *Report of the Governor's Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Renewables*. The recommendations included in this report present a consensus roadmap to restoring Wisconsin's overall leadership in efficiency and renewable policy – critical components to our state's overall energy policy.

Last year, I appointed 25 individuals from every perspective of the energy community: business, labor, consumer and environmental groups, members of the state's investor-owned utilities, public-power communities and rural electric cooperatives, and legislative members from both parties. I challenged them to find common-sense solutions to increase energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources in Wisconsin.

The Task Force was up to the challenge. They drafted consensus recommendations that, if implemented, will provide a critical balance to the state's efforts to invest in needed energy infrastructure and reduce impacts on the environment, dependence on fossil fuels and reduce rate impacts.

I commend the members of the Task Force for their hard work and efforts in developing this consensus energy package. Over the course of the year there was a lot of give and take and compromise by all members of the Task Force to produce a consensus. Every effort must be made to maintain this consensus as we move forward to implement the recommendations.

This report is another important step we are taking to address Wisconsin's overall energy needs. During the last legislative session we worked on bi-partisan policy solutions to make needed investments in our energy infrastructure. I believe that through the implementation of the Task Force recommendations, we can take another step toward building a comprehensive energy policy for the state.

As we move forward on implementing the Task Force report, there will be opportunity for more discussion of the recommendations. I encourage your review of the Task Force report and appreciate your continued interest in Wisconsin's energy future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Doyle".

Governor Jim Doyle